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Dear Parents and Children,

Here is our latest newsletter.

We can start with a big 'Well Done!' to the children currently attending Tchoukball at Harrogate High School on Wednesdays. As usual the children performed admirably, not least with their behaviour and attitude, displaying great sportsmanship and team work.

Tomorrow is Red Nose Day so hopefully lots of you will be involving yourself by dressing up and trying to get some sponsorship for your activities. I look forward to seeing all of the interpretations of the characters that Mr. Pratt talked about in assembly last week.

Right now our biggest focus is on completing the appointment of a new headteacher for the school. The interview process will take place next week on Tuesday and Wednesday here and at the High School so there will be quite a few unfamiliar faces around, especially on Tuesday. Once the process is concluded I will be able to inform you of the outcome and then begin work on making the transition to new leadership with the incoming headteacher.

Other than that we are fast approaching the statutory assessment period when our Y1 phonics screening, Y2 and Y6 SATs take place. As usual at this time I would ask that you make a special effort to ensure that the children are well rested and in a sensible routine around bedtimes, meal times and so on so that they are as alert as possible. We really need an improved set of results this year and all of our data points towards being able to achieve this but it is still important that you do your bit to ensure the children can work at full capacity throughout May. We are on track for another good set of Reception outcomes and are fully expecting a strong performance in the phonics screening test. Y2 and Y6 are the areas where the performance of one or two individuals can have a dramatic impact on our overall attainment outcomes so if your child is in these year groups please make sure you do what you can. Outcomes from these assessments are important to the individual and to the school and we need them to reflect the great teaching and learning which takes place every day.

Yours Sincerely,

Andrew Tomlinson